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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Security (PTOS)

SUBJECT : Installation of Sprinkler Systems, NPIC

REFERENCE : Memo dtd 11 Nov 69 to C/RECD fr DD/S (PTOS),
same subject

1. The problem of sprinkler protection in NPIC has received a good deal of attention as a result of the survey mentioned in the referenced memorandum and the memorandum itself.

2. Contact with the General Services Administration's engineering personnel has resulted in their stating a "strong" recommendation that the sprinklers in Room 1N440 remain active. This is concurred in by their fire protection people. The removal requirements in the contract were not objected to on the basis of regulation stating that the using Agency's desires governed.

3. NPIC cites volume 10 of their Facility Manual as stating that certain areas would not have sprinkler protection where the nature of the equipment installed was such as to suffer extensive damage if doused with water. The NPIC personnel feel that the FASTRAND equipment to be installed in Room 1N440 falls into this category. It is presumed that the whole Facility Manual (consisting of many volumes) was subjected to concurrence by all concerned elements, including the Office of Security.

4. It would be appreciated if the applicable portions of the "Pertinent Codes", referenced in your memorandum, could be cited for a better understanding of the degree of protection that is required. It is anticipated, for example, that a different coverage will be required in the storage area as compared to the FASTRAND equipment room.

5. It has been determined that the lessor of the equipment prefers no sprinklers, but he will accept sprinkler coverage provided that the activation temperature is set at not less than 212°F. He further stipulates certain electrical disconnects to be activated when the sprinkler system starts to function.

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6. In view of the necessity of getting a lot of divergent opinions together on this subject, it is recommended that a meeting be held at NPIC on 10 December 1969 at 0930 to survey the room in question, discuss the occupancy situation anticipated, and to review some of the other factors germane to the issue. The intent of the meeting will be to plot a course of action that will be acceptable to all concerned.

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